

Equal Opportunity in Higher Education (NAFEO) and continued to lead that organization for eighteen years. In that capacity, he lobbied for HBCUs and was instrumental in the 1980 Executive Order, signed by President Carter, directing that federal funding for higher education be prioritized for HBCUs, a principle that has since been expanded to include institutions serving Hispanic and Native American tribal communities. The recipient of many awards and recognitions for his contributions to equality in education, Dr. Myers continued even after his retirement from overseeing NAFEO to be a leader in this national effort, chairing the board of Minority Access, which helps build partnerships between minority-serving institutions and major research universities. He was also a longstanding supporter of foreign language programs and cultural exchanges that expand young Americans' views of our world and help build bridges with students and scholars from other nations.

Dr. Myers will be remembered as a man of vision and of service. His legacy will not be forgotten by the millions of students who were able to access high-quality undergraduate and graduate programs and pursue their dreams because of his tireless efforts. Maryland will long remember Dr. Samuel L. Myers among the pantheon of our great native sons and daughters who dedicated their lives and careers to the improvement of our society, the expansion of opportunities, and the cause of justice and equality for all.

I offer my condolences to his children, Dr. Yvette Myers and Dr. Samuel Myers, Jr., along with their families. Their father now joins their wonderful mother Marion Myers—who was his partner for sixty-four years—and their sister Judge Tama Clark, who passed away last year, in peaceful eternal rest. May his memory continue to bless and inspire so many in Maryland and in our country to pursue service and help build a more perfect union for future generations of Americans.

#### RECOGNIZING GARY T. JOHNSON ON HIS RETIREMENT

#### HON. MIKE QUIGLEY

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 16, 2021*

Mr. QUIGLEY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mr. Gary T. Johnson on concluding a lengthy and illustrious career as President and CEO of the Chicago History Museum.

After nearly three decades of legal practice in Chicago, Gary made his arrival at the Chicago History Museum in 2005, beginning his tenure as President by transitioning the Chicago Historical Society into the Chicago History Museum as we know it today.

For more than 15 years, Gary spent his time as President focusing on community outreach and strengthening the institution's financial capacity. Along the way, he also headed Museums in the Park, a group of 11 museums on land owned by the Chicago Park District.

During his time as President, Gary brought significant improvements to the museum. He completed a \$27 million campaign and implemented the Museum's 2006 "reinvention," which included renovating 75 percent of its space, announcing a name change, and in-

stalling the highly praised Exelon Crossroads exhibition, the Museum's foundational overview of Chicago history. Additionally, he increased the museum's annual attendance by 89 percent over a 10-year period and extended school visits to 60,000 students annually.

One of Gary's most important and more recent accomplishments was the completion of the landmark five-year, \$50 million This Is Chicago campaign, an effort which involved raising \$11 million for the museum's endowment, acquiring millions of artifacts, increasing education program offerings, and more.

Educated at Yale College, Oxford University, and Harvard Law School, Gary never lost his commitment to supporting the educational aspirations of students in Chicago and beyond. For over ten years, he led the Rhodes Scholarship selection process for the district that includes Illinois, while also dedicating his time to visiting over 300 of Chicago's grade schools—bringing with him artifacts from the Museum's collection to ensure that all Chicagoans had access to the city's greatest treasures.

Madam Speaker, please join me and all of our colleagues in the House of Representatives in recognizing Mr. Gary T. Johnson's years of service to the City of Chicago and congratulating him on his retirement.

#### CONGRATULATING VANCOUVER ITECH PREPARATORY STUDENTS ON THE INCLUSION OF THEIR NATIONAL HISTORY DAY EXHIBIT SHOWCASED BY THE SMITHSONIAN NATIONAL MUSEUM OF AMERICAN HISTORY AT THE SMITHSONIAN LEARNING LAB

#### HON. JAIME HERRERA BEUTLER

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 16, 2021*

Ms. HERRERA BEUTLER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Jonah Campbell, Clark Hegewald, and Grant Myers of Vancouver iTech Preparatory on having their National History Day project showcased by the Smithsonian National Museum of American History at the Smithsonian Learning Lab.

Their project, titled "No Need for Translation: The Apollo-Soyuz Mission", focuses on the bilateral cooperation between the United States and the Soviet Union in ending the Space Race through the construction of the first space station. The team placed particular emphasis on the unprecedented collaboration between Americans and Soviets at the height of the Cold War.

For over 40 years, National History Day has been a stellar opportunity for students across the country to engage in and expand their knowledge of American history through research-based projects. I hope that participating in National History Day has allowed these students to deepen their appreciation for the great American history that unites us all.

Once again, I want to congratulate Jonah, Clark, and Grant on a job well done.

#### ARTHROGRYPOSIS MULTIPLEX CONGENITA AWARENESS DAY

#### HON. NICOLE MALLIOTAKIS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 16, 2021*

Ms. MALLIOTAKIS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the National Day of Arthrogryposis Multiplex Congenita (AMC) on Wednesday, June 30, 2021. This condition is present in 1 in 3,000 babies a year, which causes many joints of the body to be stiff and crooked at birth. There are over 400 different types of AMC, which is an umbrella diagnosis that derives from many syndromes. This condition is not curable, but it is treatable. A newborn with AMC lacks the range of motion in one of more joints, but with early intervention, therapies can help children achieve their cognitive, social, emotional, and physical development goals. New York State has one of the most active AMC awareness organizations with grassroots efforts located in my district, the borough of Staten Island, NY. My constituent, Valerie Pepe, was born with AMC on June 11, 1967. Valerie now hosts the AMC Music Festival which helps raise money and awareness for those affected by AMC. Thank you for allowing me to recognize her efforts and to bring awareness to the families affected by AMC. As a member of the Rare Disease Caucus, it is my hope that Congress will continue to encourage research and medical innovation to treat AMC.

#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

#### HON. RICHARD HUDSON

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 16, 2021*

Mr. HUDSON. Madam Speaker, I was unavoidably detained and missed a vote.

Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 161.

#### IN HONOR OF ROY LESLIE FOR 50 YEARS AT SHONEY'S OF KNOX- VILLE, INC.

#### HON. TIM BURCHETT

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 16, 2021*

Mr. BURCHETT. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate Roy "Slick" Leslie, who has had an admirable career at Shoney's of Knoxville, Inc. for 50 years.

When Roy was in high school, he started working at The Lamp Post Restaurant washing dishes, sweeping the parking lot, and cooking, all while helping on the family farm. In 1970, he married his wife, Donna, and together they had four children and 11 grandchildren.

In 1971, Roy started working for Shoney's of Knoxville, Inc. as a bus boy. He worked his way up through the ranks to become Manager, Area Supervisor and then Vice President & Chief Operating Officer. In 2016, he was promoted to President & Chief Executive Officer.